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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend and consider the instant application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendment

In the Specification:

At page 1, line 1, please insert:

This application is a Rule 371 Application of PCT/EP98/06278, filed 5 October 1998, which claims priority to Great Britain Patent Application No. 9721139.5, filed 7 October 1997.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-4 and 9-10.

Please add the following new claims.

11. (New) A method of treatment of diarrhea-predominant female IBS which comprises administering an effective amount of a 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof

12. (New) A method of treatment according to claim 11, wherein the 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist is alosetron or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.